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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Lauffer, et al.  
 ASSIGNEE: Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated  
 SERIAL NUMBER: 10/039,898 EXAMINER: V. Balasubramanian  
 FILING DATE: January 3, 2002 ART UNIT: 1624  
 CONF. NO.: 8724  
 FOR: CYCLIZED AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES

June 30, 2004  
 Cambridge, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action March 30, 2004. With the extension, a response is due on or before June 30, 2004.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$950.00 that is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Limited Recognition

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FEE VALUE ACCOUNTABILITY	
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO.	
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FEE CODE	VALUE CHARGED
1253	950.

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